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TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM FOR SENATORS INOUE AND MATHIAS

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SUBJECT: CODEL INOUE: MEETINGS WITH KING HUSSEIN AND PRIME
MINISTER RIFAI

1. SENATORS INOUE AND MATHIAS, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR,
STAFF MEMBERS JORDAN AND ROSSITER, AND FSO MONTVILLE,
MET WITH KING HUSSEIN FOR TWO HOURS AND FIFTEEN MINUTES
AT SMALL LUNCHEON AT PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE JANUARY 22.
LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY SHORT MILITARY BRIEFING PRESENTED
AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS BY CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GENERAL
BEN SHAKER AND BY BENERAL BRIEFING OF CODEL
AND STAFF BY PRIME MINISTER. MONTVILLE TOOK EXTENSIVE
NOTES AND WILL PREPARE MEMCONS FOR CODEL. WHAT FOLLOWS

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IS GENGAL OUTLINE OF DISCUSSIONS AND POINTS WHICH

EMBASSY CONSIDERS MOST SIGNIFICATN.

2. AFTER EXPLANATION BY CHAIRMAN INOUE OF THE UNIQUE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS FIRST SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND A STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE'S OBJECT OF PROVIDING BALANCE BY SEEING ARAB LEADERS FIRST AND THEN MOVING ON TO ISRAEL, KING GAVE A LONG TOUR D'HORIZON BRIEFING FOR PARTY ON FOLLOWING TOPICS: PRESENT STATE OF JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS; HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF RABAT SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS AND AFTERMATH IN JORDAN; DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATION POSSIBILITIES; EXPLANATION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN JOREAN, PALESTINIANS AND PLO; REVIEW OF INTER-ARAB POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS; DISCUSSION OF STATE OF US-JORDANIAN RELATIONS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF US BILATERAL PROGRAMS. MAJOR POINTS WHICH KING MADE WERE THOSE WHICH EMBASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY REPORTED AND NOTHING NEW OR SIGNIFICANT EMERGED FROM THIS PORTION DISCUSSION. KING DID ALSO TOUCH ON HIS RELATIONSHIPS TO GULF STATES, HIS DECISION TO SEND ADDITIONAL FORCES TO OMAN AND IMPORTANCE WHICH JORDAN ATTACHES TO GULF RELATIONSHIPS IN GENERAL.

3. IN PART IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AND ALSO AS DEVELOPED BY KING, HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE STILL BELIEVES JORDAN HAS ROLE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO PLAY IN NEGOTIATIONS, JORDAN WISHES TO INSURE RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, AND GAVE A REITERATION OF HIS FIRM BELIEF THAT THERE IS A "SILENT MAJORITY" OF PALESTINIANS THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY FAVOR THE PLO AND SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR WISHES KNOWN.

4. IN RESPONSE, SENATOR INOUE DEVELOPED FOR KING BASIC GIST OF HIS CONCERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, WHICH HE SAID PARALLELLED THOSE WITH PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY. MAJOR CONCLUSIONS WERE THE SAME AS THOSE PROVIDED TO US BY PRIME MINISTER RIFAI AS A RESULT OF HIS MEETINGS WITH SADAT EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE SENATOR MADE CLEAR HE BELIEVES SADAT UNDER REAL PRESSURE AND MOVEMENT MUST COME SOON.

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SENATOR ALSO DISCUSSED FOR KING RESULTS OF MEETING WHICH HE HAD WITH NUMBER OF PLO FIGURES ARRANGED FOR HIM BY CLOVIS MAKSUD. WE UNDERSTAND THESE PROBABLY ALREADY REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT FROM CAIRO. SENATOR CONCLUDED THAT PLO WAS ADOPTING ONLY SLIGHTLY VEILED STANCE OF THREAT TOWARD ARAB RULERS AND THAT HIS HOWEVER MALEVOLENT WAS A PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN THEIR GAINING SUPPORT. NEVERTHELESS, SENAOTR IS CONVINCED THAT PALESTINIAN PEOPLE MUST

HAVE PLACE IN ANY SETTLEMENT AND THIS SHOULD BE PART OF THE PRECESS TOWARD PEACE.

5. FINALLY, SENATOR SAID THAT COMMITTEE HAD NEARLY COMPLETED MARK-UP OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL. THEY HAD BEEN CONSIDERING A CUT IN BEDGET SUPPORT FOR JORDAN ON BASIS THAT BUDGET SUPPORT WAS ORIGINALLY PROVIDED BY US TO MAKE UP FOR WITHDRAWN KUWAITI AND LIBYAN SUBSIDY IN 1970, TAKEN AWAY AT TIME JORDAN-PLO CONTROVERSY BROKE OUT INTO FIGHTING. NOW THAT KUWAITI SUBSIDY HAD BEEN SRETURNED, COMMITTEE AHD BELIEVED AT LEAST ONE PORTION OF US OBLIGATION REMOVED AND WAS CONSIDERING CUT. SENATOR SAID HOWEVER AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND KING, HE HAD REVISED HIS OPINION AND THAT KING AND PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE DISAPPOINTED WITH ACTION HE INTENDED TO TAKE. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE PLANNED TO CARRY MESSAGE TO ISRAEL THAT PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK ON THEIR PART AGAINST ARABS WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED BY HIM AND OTHER SENATORS. IF ISRAEL DID THAT, THEY WOULD GO IT ALONE. SENATOR ALSO NOTED THAT COMMITTEE ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE ADDED \$10 M. FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES WHICH COULD BE SPENT HOWEVER EXECUTIVE BRANCH THOUGH BEST.

6. MILITARY BRIEFING COVERED IN QUICK COMPASS THREATS TO JORDAN, MILITARY REORGANIZATION, GROUND FORCE EQUIPMENT NEEDS, AND JORDAN ROLE IN HELPING IN GULF.

7. PRIME MINISTER STRESSED SIGNIFICANE OF US-JORDANIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS, JORDANIAN MODERATION AND DESIRE FOR PEACE, NECESSITY FOR RETAINING STRENGTH TO BE MODERATE, AND FRANK HOPE THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THIS.

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8. SENATOR IN REPLY REPEATED HIS VIEW THAT PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE DISAPPOINTED, AND AMPLIFIED FOR THE SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS PRESENT GENERAL APPROACH HE WOULD BE MAKEING ON THIS TRIP, AS WELL AS SOME OF THE POINTS HE WOULD BE MAKING TO ISRAEL AS EARLIER OUTLINED TO KING. MORNING JAN. 23 CODEL AND STAFF BREAKFASTED WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ON JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS.

9. COMMENT: ABOVE TWO MEETINGS REPRESENT MOST SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF CODEL INOUEY VISIT TO JORDAN. JORDANIANS WORKED HARD TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THIS VISIT AND ARE HIGHLY PLEASED AT THE BALANCED AND EXTREMELY HELPFUL VIEW OF THEIR SITUATION AND INDEED OF THE SITUATION IN THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD ARTICULATED BY

SENATORS INOUE AND MATHIAS. THEY ARE ALSO MOST PLEASE WITH
CLEAR SUPPORT FOR THEIR BILATERAL PROGRAMS SHOWN BY SENATOR INOUE.
MILITARY OFFICERS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH SENATOR'S STATEMENT ON
BALANCED VIEW TOWARDS ISRAEL AND SUPPORT OF BILATERAL PROGRAMS OF
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